

ST. BRENDAN PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 8, 2025

PRESENT: Fr. Mark Betti, Fr. Dass, Kimberly Antolini, Kenneth Conn, Madeline Dubas, Ginny Grant, Bob Houser, Matt Kelly, Celeste Korpon, Leonardo Espinosa Lopez, Lisa McCann, Bob McGahran, Bert McGoff, Charles McShane, Sandra Nelson, Thomas Ocasio, Vincent Russo, Michael Schmid

EXCUSED: Ada Flores, Laura Kniaz, John LeFebvre, Pat McLaughlin, Carol Rowane

1. Ginny Grant welcomed the members and Kenneth Conn, newly-elected Grand Knight. Fr. Mark opened the meeting with a prayer at 9:42 am.
2. Minutes of the June 5, 2025, meeting were approved as written.
3. Fr. Mark introduced our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Dass, and our summer seminarian, Leonardo Espinosa Lopez (Leo). Each spoke briefly about their journey to serve at St. Brendan and the road to becoming a priest. Fr. Mark indicated that a Pastor has a 6-year assignment, renewable for an additional six, whereas an Associate Pastor has no term limit.
4. **FINANCE with commentary by Fr. Mark:** We presently have \$446,000 in our checking account, with \$272,000 in the general checking for operational purposes. We have just over \$95,000 in our savings account. A \$100,000 contribution from a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous has enhanced our savings along with \$15,400 from the 50/50 raffle and \$24,742 from the meal sales by the Hispanic parishioners. A great deal of thanks goes to all who made it happen. A total of \$40,000 was generated without having the festival in May. The Parish Festival has been postponed to a later date. The 102 remaining unsold 50/50 raffle tickets will be offered before the rescheduled Parish Festival, but at \$50 per ticket rather than \$100.

The loan approval process is still at the Diocese. Our Finance Plan Package was sent to the Loan Committee on July 3. A vote on it could happen no later than July 14. Once cleared by the Loan Committee it will go to D&LB for approval. We anticipate no problems.

Have two areas to watch: (1) SMM project completing in October - \$100,000. (2) Two HVAC systems are failing – \$20,000 to \$70,000. We should be made aware that summer collections are historically lower than the rest of the year. (Run below \$30,000 per week.) This could be offset by the QR code donations.

It should be noted that the \$100,000 donation comes with naming rights. In keeping with the Irish naming theme, the suggested name would be St. Bridget Hall or Bridget Hall. In the event the new parish hall does not materialize, the current Brendan Hall could be renamed to Bridget Hall.

5. **PASTOR'S REPORT:** The new Mass schedule begins the weekend of September 6/7. Saturday vigil Mass will be at 4:00 pm. Sunday Masses will be in English at 8:00 and 9:30 am. The 11:00 am Mass will be in Spanish. Faith Formation is looking forward to the later time schedule; new catechists are ready to begin.

Miscellaneous items: The new hall, if built, will contain a commercial kitchen. The kitchen in Brendan Hall will remain with potential expansion. Knights of Columbus need a larger meeting room and more storage space. Group has outgrown the McGivney Room. The Liturgical Committee has outgrown their storage space.

Priests in the Diocese of Raleigh are allowed to be away on vacation four weeks per year and an additional week for a private retreat. Fr. Mark took advantage with Fr. Schuetz (diocesan Vocation Director) being here over the 4th of July weekend to be away. (Fr. Schuetz is not a new Parochial Vicar at St. Brendan!) We also had a visiting priest from the Columbus diocese concelebrating at the weekday Masses while he was here visiting family.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ST. Michael Ministry. Meeting scheduled for July 10 with all vendors to kick off project with marking of cable trenching. Cables and cameras were received, installation begins in August, ends the end of August. More specifics will be available at the next meeting.
- **PARISH CAMPUS WILL BE SHUT DOWN SEPTEMBER 15-19. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED. SHUTDOWN DUE TO ANNUAL PRIESTS' RETREAT M-F AND PARTIAL INSTALL OF SECURITY SYSTEM.**
- **PARISH CAMPUS WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 6-10 FOR SPRING DEEP CLEANING. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED.**
- Farewell receptions held for Fr. Anit were heavily attended. Fr. was overwhelmed by the turnout.

Thank you to Jeanne Miller, Sandy Nelson, Tom Kuncewitch, Ron Dubas, Tom and Deb Ocasio, Matt Kelly, Leonardo Espinosa Lopez, Bert McGoff, Vinnie Russo and Mike and Pam Schmid for helping to make it a success.

- Reception for 5th anniversary of Deacon Mullins ordination held in the church hall was well attended.
- Madeline met with Legion of Mary's Kelly Holtaus to discuss the Cancer Rosary Ministry. The Legion will begin to develop a program for St. Brendan's Parish similar to the one at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The St. Brendan's Senior Resources Fair will be held after all Masses on October 25/26. Charlie McShane is looking for help with the following: vendors, organizations in Brunswick County, promotions. Kenneth Conn has contacts at Novant, Kim and Celeste have offered to help, Kathleen Brandenburg will assist during Fair. Noted that Brunswick County has scheduled a similar Fair on August 1 which could prove beneficial to ours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ST. MICHAEL MINISTRY**—See attached report.
- **FACILITIES**—See attached report. Matt Kelly reported that we now have 22 volunteers for the St. Joseph Ministry. Confirmed he will retire as of August 1.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**—See attached report.
- **COLUMBIETTES**-- See attached report
- **FAITH FORMATION**—No report.
- **LITURGY**—No report. Next meeting in three months. Replacing items for Christmas. Need more storage space. Fr. Mark suggested they store Christmas and Easter items in the attic of the McGivney Center. The Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Ministry will help move items. Sandy will coordinate with Matt Kelly.
- **HISPANICS**—No report.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE MC GIVNEY ROOM (BACK OF PARISH HALL) ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, FOLLOWING THE 9:00 am MASS.

FR. MARK CLOSED THE MEETING WITH A PRAYER AT 10:31 AM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Saint Michael Ministry (SMM)– Monthly Report – June 2025

The SMM monthly meeting was held on June 11, 2025. Key areas of discussion were as follows: SMM ThreeYear Plan, Liability Insurance for SMM Ministers, Incidents at St. Brendan's, as well as other policies procedures for discussion with SMM members.

Medical / Security Incidents

I am very happy to report there were no Medical or Security incidents for the month of June.

Electronic Security System

The new iPad which will act as the control center for the new security system has been received and tested for internet connectivity throughout the campus. All except one area had ample internet connection. This area will be addressed prior to system startup. The project Kick-Off meeting with our

vendor TEMS, is scheduled for July 10, 2025. This meeting will also include marking all trenching pathways for exterior cabling installations.

Membership

The recruiting of new SMM Ministers will continue with hopes of obtaining our goal of 100 Ministers. New Minister training will continue to ensure all members are aware of all policies and procedures. This training will bring all SSM members together as one cohesive team, providing medical and security assistance to all St Brendan’s staff, parishioners and visitors

New Business

A timeline was established for the submission of the 2025-2026 SMM budget request. Future Parking Lot lighting enhancements were discussed. These upgrades would provide additional nighttime visibility throughout the parking areas. In addition, signage identifying the use of video surveillance equipment will need to be installed as part of the security system installation.

**Facilities Management Report
June 2025**

Electrical:	The two post lights at the secondary entrance/exit to the campus (which are inoperable due to the power line being cut) will be replaced with solar post lights.
General	Work continues repairing kneelers, pruning Crepe Myrtles throughout the campus.
R&M:	Sealing parking lot cracks, and restriping portions of the parking lot.
HVAC:	Several minor HVAC repairs were completed. Two significant repairs impacting the McGivney Center and Church were recently identified. Repair and/or replacement options are currently under evaluation. Estimates range from \$25,000 - \$70,000.
Inventory:	Complete.

Kitchen:	All major refrigeration and gas components in the Parish Hall kitchen and Knock Outreach Center are scheduled for preventive maintenance during July.
Real Estate:	<p>The issue with ownership of Lot E was resolved through the execution of a Quitclaim Deed. As a result, all remaining due diligence items were completed (see below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase I Environmental Survey• Sub Surface Soil Investigation (soil boring)• MAI Appraisal• Alta Table A Survey• Title Search

During the survey, it was determined that the land is .78 acres smaller than originally estimated. This will result in a savings of ~\$120,900 from the original purchase price.

The Financing Plan and narrative were submitted to the DOR on 5/20/25 and 6/2/25 respectively. Closing is scheduled to take place NLT 9/8/25.

Saint Joseph Workers: The Saint Joseph Workers Ministry had its kickoff meeting on May 30, 2025. Subsequently, several repairs were planned and/or completed throughout the campus.

Knights Of Columbus - Council 9039 Report – July 2025

- The Quarterly Song, Cake and Tonic Social Visit to the residence of Autumn Care facility in Shallotte will be on Wednesday July 2nd at 3:15pm.
- The July First Friday Rosary will be prayed at 8am on Friday July 4th at St Brendan's Church.
- Happy Fourth of July Independence Day America.
- We would like to thank all the Parishioners and local residence who supported our Annual Memorial Golf Tournament last month.
- The Installation of Officers will be held on July 7th at 6pm St at St Brendan's church, with refreshments afterward.
- The 8am Mass on Sunday July 13th will be for the Deceased KofC Brothers and Sister Columbiettes.
- The Knights and Columbiettes Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday July 13th at 9:15 am at Crow Creek.
- The regular monthly meeting for Council 9039 will be held on Monday June 14th in the McGivney Room at 7pm. This is the first meeting that Grand Knight Kenneth Conn will preside over.
- The Knights plan to start selling the Monday Night Football books at St Brendan's after all masses. This is the Knight's largest fundraiser.
- The Knights will offer a Sausage Sandwich (Hogie) Meals to Go on Saturday July 19 from 1to 5pm.
- The Knights Officers meeting will be held on Monday June 28th at 6pm in the McGivney Room.
- The August First Friday Rosary will be prayed on August 1st at 8am St Brendan's Church and Holy Hour after First Friday Mass in St Patrick's Chapel.

COLUMBIETTES REPORT

The Columbiettes have been busy with the following items:

1. We will be awarding scholarships to 8 well-qualified girls from our parish.
2. We will be donating money that was earned to our charities. The charities were voted on by the members. They will be announced at the June meeting on the 12th.
3. We will once again give money to our seminarian.
4. The Convention was held on May 30 and 31st in Raleigh. We had a few members in attendance.
5. Our new board was nominated and approved at the May meeting. They will be sworn in at the June meeting and take office July 1st.
6. Our last fundraiser will be a Belk Charity Sale taking place June 6, 7, and 8th.
7. We will be doing the backpacks once again this summer. It will be announced in the bulletin.
